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'Hot seat' show gets cold shoulder from councillor

RADIO

Zurawski's refusal over dispute with station: Host



Adina Bresge
For Metro | Halifax

Rookie councillor Richard Zurawski will not comment on reports that he refuses to go on a Halifax radio program he once regularly contributed to due to a contract dispute with the radio station.

On his talk show on Monday, News 95.7 host Rick Howe said the District 12 councillor has cancelled two scheduled appearances in recent weeks because of a "disagreement" with management at the Rogers-owned radio station.

Before his election to regional council this fall, most Haligonians knew Zurawski as the self-proclaimed science expert on the airwaves.

He was a meteorologist at Rogers Radio who co-hosted an hour-long call-in show with Howe called "The Science Files" for about a decade. He also

hosted a weekend show more recently and published a book, both under that same name.

According to Howe, Zurawski's contract was not renewed and the matter has "basically gone legal."

"I suggested that his issue was separate from his role as a city councillor, and that this show was an opportunity to discuss city matters and hear from constituents," Howe told listeners on Monday. "But he chooses now basically to, I guess, boycott us."

In a 45-second phone interview, Zurawski said he had "no reaction" to Howe's comments and hung up.

When reached for comment, Mark Campbell, director of news and programming at News 95.7, said someone at the radio station would reply to a request for comment. Metro News did not hear back by the end of the day.

Zurawski was set to take the "hot seat" on The Rick Howe Show Monday morning for a segment in which councillors field phone calls from citizens and discuss the issues of the day.

Coun. David Hendsbee and Coun. Russell Walker filled in for their municipal colleague,



Richard Zurawski is the councillor for District 12. METRO FILE

but Howe took offence on behalf of Zurawski's constituents in Timberlea-Beechville-Clayton Park-Wedgewood.

"I think that (Zurawski) is being a little bit stubborn here in regards to this, but again, it's his call," Howe said. "So you residents of District 12

... will not have a chance to question your councillor about your issues for the better part of the next four years."

Hendsbee tried to lighten the mood by joking that Zurawski was enacting a protest against "corporate greed" on behalf of underpaid radio

journalists.

"Don't worry, we can't censor him at council either," Hendsbee said.

"He did give us his latest book on Maritime climate change, so I guess we have a little bit extra reading to do over the holiday break."

SKATING

Emera Oval opens this week



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Haligonians, get ready to lace up your skates.

The popular Emera Oval is set to open this Thursday for the winter season (weather permitting) an HRM release said on Monday.

The ice will be open for free daily public skates throughout the winter, and will once again offer free skating lessons for all ages.

Visitors can always use their own equipment, or rent skates and helmets for free with a valid government-issued photo ID.

Children under 12 must wear a helmet at all times on the ice, while others are encouraged to do the same for their own safety.

There will also be the regular New Year's Eve festivities at the Oval, and residents can expect fireworks, free public skates, hot chocolate, and tunes from DJ Chris Swift.

There are still some spots available in the Canadian Tire Jumpstart I Love to Skate program at the Oval.

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Debate over annual Boston tree gift makes waves in U.S.

An apparent Canadian debate over the cost of Nova Scotia's annual Christmas tree gift to Boston has made it to the front page of one of the most-read papers in the United States.

The tale of the towering tree that's given to the American city as a thank-you for help after the 1917 Halifax Explosion landed in Monday's Wall Street Journal, replete with government-handout shots of people waving the Nova Scotia flag after the tree's arrival in Boston.

The story was focused around questions from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation about the cost of finding, cutting, and shipping the tree, and in publicizing the Boston lighting ceremony, which is also attended by provincial government officials and other dignitaries.

CBC reported that Nova Scotia spent \$242,000 last year to send the tree to Boston, including about \$116,000 to the City of Boston and an ABC affiliate for

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Amount Nova Scotia spent in 2015 to send the Christmas tree to Boston — an annual tradition in honour of Boston's help in the wake of the 1917 Halifax Explosion.
SOURCE: CBC

a one-hour tree-lighting special.

For the most part, people interviewed by the New York paper said it was a "nice" way to honour the relationship between the cities.

The tradition was started after two warships collided in Halifax Harbour, setting off an explosion that killed 2,000, injured 9,000 and levelled parts of the city on Dec. 6, 1917. It prompted the New England city to dispatch medical personnel and supplies hours after getting word of the disaster. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A firefighter and RCMP officer wave goodbye to the Nova Scotia Christmas tree bound for Boston. JEFF HARPER/METRO



A pedestrian crosses Lady Hammond Road as cars drive in snowy conditions during a storm on Monday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Snow, not job action, behind school closures

TEACHERS

Dismissal of students direct result of weather: Board

Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A spokesperson for the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) said teachers' work-to-rule job action had no effect on the dismissal of students on Monday.

"There are contingencies in place at every school for students to be dismissed, and our expectation is, because of the safety concerns that would be associated with an early dismissal, that the schools would be following those plans as they always have, and we haven't heard otherwise," HRSB spokesperson Doug Hadley said Monday.

Asked specifically if the teachers' work-to-rule had any impact, Hadley said, "I'm not aware of any."

The province closed all schools last week over con-

cerns that work-to-rule would put students in danger, but reopened the next day after the minister of education said those concerns had been addressed.

On Monday, students were dismissed starting at 11:30 a.m. after snow started making roads slippery across the region.

Parents got an email at about 11 a.m. that schools would be closed at 11:30 a.m., and Hadley said early in the afternoon that he anticipated it would be 1:30 p.m. before all students were on buses.

Hadley said schools weren't cancelled earlier in the day because when staff checked in with meteorologists at 5:30 a.m., the storm wasn't forecasted to come so quickly.

"They checked in again just after 10 o'clock today, and the information at 10 o'clock was that this storm was moving faster than had been anticipated and that there was likely going to be more snow on the ground by early afternoon," he said.

"The schools would be following those plans as they always have," Doug Hadley.

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Halifax plane crash: Transport Canada disputes class action suit

COURT

Department says it doesn't owe duty of care to passengers

The certification of a class action lawsuit filed on behalf of passengers aboard an Air Canada jet that crashed at the Halifax airport in 2015 was challenged in court Monday by federal lawyers.

The lawyers argued Transport Canada could not be sued because it did not owe a duty of care to the passengers aboard Flight 624. They argued the department should be exempt from the lawsuit because it had no direct relationship with the passengers.

Shortly after midnight on March 29, 2015, the Airbus 320 approached Halifax Stanfield International Airport in gusty winds and heavy snowfall. The jet hit some power lines, slammed into the ground about 200 metres short of Runway 05 and bounced into the air, where it tore through a navigation antenna.

When the twin-engine plane hit the ground a second time, about 70 metres before the runway threshold, one of its engines and its landing gear were torn off as it skidded along the runway amid a shower of sparks for another 570 metres, according to the Transportation Safety Board.

More than two dozen people were injured in the crash, and virtually all of the 133 passengers had to spend about 50 minutes on the tarmac, huddled against



Transportation Safety Board investigator inspects an engine at the crash site of Air Canada AC624 that crashed early Sunday morning during a snowstorm, at Stanfield International Airport in Halifax on Monday, March 30, 2015. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a blizzard, before they were taken to an unheated hangar, the lawsuit alleged.

Lawyer Ray Wagner, who represents the plaintiffs, argued that as a regulator devoted to passenger safety, Transport Canada did owe a duty of care to Flight 624 passengers because the department was responsible for reviewing and enforcing safety regulations through



Transport Canada failed to ensure that passenger safety was at the forefront.

Lawyer for the plaintiffs Ray Wagner

the Aeronautics Act.

"(Transport Canada) is saying that because they're regulators, they don't have any responsibility over the operational aspect," Wagner said outside court.

"But when they go out and start doing the work of supervising and ensuring the safety systems are in place, they have a responsibility to make sure they are in place. We're saying that they did not do

that appropriately. Therefore, they are negligent."

None of the allegations in the class action has been proven in court. The other defendants in the case confirmed Monday they will not oppose the certification of the class action.

The other defendants include Air Canada, the Halifax International Airport Authority, Nav Canada and Airbus

+ PLAINTIFFS

- Halifax resident Asher Hodara** said he suffered a mild traumatic brain injury and dental damage.
- Malanga Georges Libbey of Church Point, N.S.**, said the crash has left him with profound psychological stress and pain in his knee, neck and mouth.
- Kathleen Carroll-Byrne of Halifax** says she continues to suffer from anxiety, a loss of concentration and a fear of flying.

SAS, the French company that builds the Airbus line of jets.

Outside court, Wagner said the certification was granted for a case against all of the defendants, except Transport Canada.

"The regulations give a bunch of responsibility to Transport Canada to ensure that certain procedures are followed for the safety of passengers," Wagner said. "Passenger safety is at the core of what we are talking about here."

Nova Scotia Supreme Court Judge Denise Boudreau is expected to issue her decision on the certification Tuesday.

Wagner said Boudreau must decide whether to include the department as a defendant, exempt them from the case or offer a provisional certification that will allow the lawsuit to go ahead before she renders a final decision.

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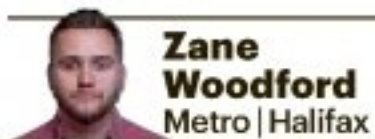


The Halifax Infirmary. As part of the province's effort to redevelop the QEH Health Sciences Centre, the move would relocate services currently on the fifth floor to the third floor to enhance patient care and overall efficiency. METRO FILE

Consultant sought for next phase

HEALTH

Province seeks design expert to redevelop QEH infirmary



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The province is looking for a design consultant to work on the next phase of its QEH Health Sciences Centre redevelopment project.

The province issued a request for proposals on Monday looking for a consultant to work with Kasian Architecture, which was awarded a master planning and programming contract, to design renovations to the third and fifth floors of the Halifax Infirmary.

Those renovations will en-

able the hospital to move two fifth-floor interventional suites — used for services like treating stroke patients — down to the third, which the province said in a news release will “enhance patient care and improve efficiency.”

The fifth-floor space will be renovated to create two new operating rooms. Both renovations are expected to be finished by 2020.

Earlier this year, the province announced that beginning in 2020, the aging Centennial and Victoria General buildings — both plagued by rodents, regular elevator malfunctions, flooding and other issues — will be decommissioned.

Monday's RFP is part of a plan to slowly move services out of the Centennial and VG buildings to allow for their decommissioning in 2020 and demolition in 2022.

The deadline for the proposals is Jan. 4.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Media seeks court files in intimate photo case

A judge heard arguments Monday about media access to court documents in a Nova Scotia case involving the alleged sharing of intimate images without consent by teenagers.

Defence lawyer Joshua Nodelman, who represents one of the accused, says a media lawyer made her comments over the telephone due to a storm that hit the province.

Six Nova Scotia teenaged boys are charged with sharing images of at least 20 high school girls in

Bridgewater, N.S.

Meanwhile, the actual trial has been set for Sept. 5 to 8 for the six young men.

Two 18-year-olds and four 15-year-olds are facing charges of distributing intimate images without consent, and possessing and distributing child pornography. Their identities are protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Charges were laid after Bridgewater police launched a year-long investigation in response

+ APPLICATION

Defence lawyer Joshua Nodelman says the media application will be back before the courts on Dec. 19.

to complaints from school officials, leading to the seizure of a number of electronic devices — mainly cellphones — which were handed over to the RCMP

Technological Crime Unit for analysis.

The case is one of the first in Canada involving legislation introduced in late 2013 after the death of Nova Scotia teen Rehtaeh Parsons, which captured national attention.

The 17-year-old attempted suicide and was taken off life support after a digital photo of what her family says was a sexual assault was circulated among students at her school in Cole Harbour. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Prison beatings keep surging

CORRECTIONS

Critics say that government and the public turn blind eye

It's 26 seconds of brutality — and lays bare the emerging reality of a growing number of beatings in Canada's jails.

Inmate Dwayne Wright, watching television with his feet up, is suddenly sucker-punched from behind by another inmate. A video of the attack shows him falling to the floor, his shoes flying off, as he tries to cover his face from a series of head shots.

His attacker, Charles Wallace, finishes with six soccer kicks to the 34-year-old Wright's head, and calmly resumes pacing and chatting with another inmate.

The video shows the other inmates at Halifax's Central Nova Scotia Correctional facility take little notice, while guards never enter the room.

Some prison advocates and lawyers say such violence is the new normal. Prisons that installed video technology in hopes it would decrease violence find they now serve to document a disturbing long-term rise in beatings that can cause fatalities, brain injuries and life-long trauma.

The last decade has seen a steady surge in prison beatings, with annual inmate-on-inmate assault in federal prisons growing 93 per cent from 301 a year in 2006-07 to 581 in 2014-15, according to Ivan Zinger, director of the federal Correctional Investigator's office, using Correctional Services Canada data.

"An environment where prisoners are at higher risk of being assaulted should not be part of the sentence," he says in an academic article published earlier this year that argues conditions in prisons have worsened over



Dwayne Wright being kicked by fellow inmate Charles Wallace at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional facility in Halifax. Wallace had been transferred to the jail's West 3 unit hours earlier, even though an online system showed he posed a danger to Wright and shouldn't have been near him. CORRECTIONS SERVICES DIVISION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

“Prison was never intended to be an informal network to hand out its own punishment.” John Peach

the past decade.

Provinces, who are responsible for prisoners sentenced to less than two years in jail, report similar sudden rises.

In British Columbia, the Solicitor General's office says assaults and attempted assaults have gone from about 880 in 2011 to about 1,200 last year, up by about a third.

In Nova Scotia, total inmate-

on-inmate assaults were up from 196 two years ago to 287 so far this year, a 46 per cent increase.

In Ontario last year there were 2,762 inmate-on-inmate assaults, up 13 per cent from the number of assaults a decade earlier — though the figures were even higher between 2011 and 2013.

In Alberta, the number of an-

nual assaults doubled from 263 in 2007 to current levels of 528.

The assaults range from severe beatings to spitting, with the majority being less severe forms of contact.

"This clearly is a problem right across the country," said John Peach, executive director of the John Howard Society of Nova Scotia. Prison, he says "was never intended to be an informal network to hand out its own punishment."

At the Halifax provincial jail where Wright was beaten, there have been 111 assaults in the

first nine months of this year.

Peach says governments mostly ignore the assault problem, and too many members of the public view it as an acceptable part of prison life — despite the cost to the taxpayers in lawsuits and long-term disabilities.

He watched the video of Wright's beating with horror.

"There's an obligation on the part of corrections to do everything in their power to try and prevent this kind of assault," he says.

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TIMELINE

Incidents in Canada

Aug. 15, 2011

Allen Douglas Ogonoski alleges being beaten at Surrey, B.C., pretrial jail and says he suffered brain injury, seizures and speech impairment. Lawsuit goes to court in January, with the B.C. Justice Department saying the assault "wasn't reasonably foreseeable."

February 2015

Francis Jesse Deguire, 39, beaten severely at Brockville, Ont., jail, resulting in a detached eyelid and head injuries. Case judge suggests it's time for an inquiry into provincial institutions.

February 2015

Glen Maher beaten at Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's, N.L., resulting in damage to Maher's face. CBC aired video of the aggravated assault.

June 11, 2015

Daniel Cunningham alleges he was beaten for five hours at Surrey, B.C., pretrial jail by gang members, despite repeated screams for help. Lawsuit says he suffered brain injury, but province says guards followed policies and procedures.

Sept. 9, 2016

Alvin Clifford Chiniquay, 40, beaten at Calgary Remand Centre, dies in hospital. Inmate charged with first-degree murder.



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OPIOIDS

Hazmat suits on in drug investigations

Police officers are donning hazmat suits as they respond to Halifax crime scenes where deadly opioids are suspected, in what's described as an early sign of fentanyl's spread into the city, Halifax's deputy police chief said Monday.

Deputy Chief Bill Moore says forensic unit officers wore the impermeable Tyvek suits, respirators and double gloves on Sunday to examine drugs found in the home of a man who was rushed to hospital after losing consciousness.

Paramedics stabilized the 24-year-old man, who was

found in the Dartmouth home at about 2 p.m. He was taken to hospital, and his condition was believed to have improved.

"We're looking to see if it's illicit fentanyl or something that contained fentanyl," said Moore in an interview.

"I think it's fair to say we're beginning to see fentanyl seizures in the city and, looking at the trend coming across the country, we suspect fentanyl is in our community now."

The substances are still being examined, but Moore says police believe it is some form of the potentially deadly painkill-

er, which has already caused overdose deaths in the province over the past year.

“We suspect fentanyl is in our community now.”
Deputy Chief Bill Moore

Moore said in an interview that because of dangers associated with exposure to fentanyl, officers trained in chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear events collected and

stabilized the remaining pills found in the home.

There are risks even from touching illicit fentanyl, and ingestion poses deeper threats, he said.

Fentanyl has made headlines as it has become more widely available, and a tidal wave of overdoses has spread east from British Columbia.

The drug depresses brain function, so when someone overdoses they lose energy, eventually drifting into a coma. Their breathing slows until they stop breathing altogether and die. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian refugee system in spotlight

CONFERENCE

Global experts to look at how settlement effort works



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Experts from around the world are heading to Ottawa this week to see what Canada gets right on resettling refugees.

The Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative is hosting a three-day conference from Tuesday to Thursday aiming to showcase Canada's private refugee sponsorship program.

That program allows Canadians to sponsor a refugee family coming to Canada.

University of Ottawa professor Jennifer Bond is among the organizers of the event. She said Canada's system is unique in



Kimberly Vandermeer leads Syrian refugee children in circle time activities during a playgroup organized by Ottawa Community Health Centres in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

the world and has a lot to offer.

"There have been a few very small-scale pilots in a couple of jurisdictions, but really Canada is the only country that has a big robust program," she said.

Representatives from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Germany, New Zealand, the United

Kingdom and the United States are coming to the conference.

Bond said while any potential program would have to be tailored to the individual country, there is a lot to share here.

"What is common in many places around the world is compassion that lives in commun-

ities. I really think there are caring people all over the world who recognize the tragedy that is happening," she said.

She said with that base a private sponsorship program could be tailored for any one of these countries.

"It's not about taking Canada's model and just plunking it somewhere else, it's very much about taking the expertise that Canada has to offer," she said.

Bond said while some politicians around the world have had negative things to say about refugee resettlement, it's nice to see so many countries interested in the Canadian model.

"In a space that does feel a little bit dark these days this initiative does offer some hope," she said.

The initiative is led by the government of Canada, but also has participation from the University of Ottawa, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and several foundations.

HEALTH CARE

Feds simplifying safe-injection sites

The federal Liberals are streamlining the process to allow communities to apply to set up supervised injection sites quicker, with less red tape and with less room for community objections.

Health Minister Jane Philpott introduced the bill that would clear out a long list of regulations and conditions for establishing sites that the previous Conservative government introduced.

Those conditions included a requirement to have the approval

of a community's council and its police chief. In Ottawa, both Mayor Jim Watson and Ottawa police Chief Charles Bordeleau have indicated they don't support an injection site.

Philpott said the changes are necessary to deal with a public health crisis that is only growing.

"We need to take swift action on the opioid crisis to save lives. We need a renewed focus on harm reduction," she said.

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Rail crew saves cold cat



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

A nearly frozen tabby cat and a "burly man with a beard," fell in love Sunday after two train drivers found the frozen feline under their engine deck in Wainwright, Alta.

Train engineer William Munsey and conductor Brad Slater were working a chilly Sunday morning when they had to drive the Q199 CN train from Wainwright to Edmonton. Temper-

atures were nearly -40 C.

The drivers had to inspect trains in the rail yard and Slater left to inspect the train's engines, but he found something out of the ordinary: He came across a grey tabby, frozen solid. Slater wrapped the cat in his shirt and, after an hour of howling meows, the grey tabby curled up in his lap and purred. The feline, since named "Q," then gladly ate some beef jerky.



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Situation in Aleppo 'very critical'

SYRIA

Ban Ki-moon warns against 'atrocities'

United Nations secretary-general Ban Ki-moon has expressed alarm over "atrocities against a large number of civilians, including women and children, in recent hours in Aleppo."

Syrian rebels retreated from former strongholds in eastern Aleppo in a "terrifying" collapse Monday, holding onto a small sliver of territory packed with fighters and thousands of civilians as government troops pressed on with their rapid advance.

The Syrian military said it had gained control of 99 per cent of the former opposition enclave in eastern Aleppo, signalling an impending end to the rebels' four-year hold over parts of the city as the final hours of battle played out.

"The situation is very, very critical," said Ibrahim al-Haj of the Syrian Civil Defence, volunteer first responders who operate in rebel-held areas. He said he was seeking shelter for



Syrians flee toward areas in Aleppo on Monday during government forces' efforts to retake the city. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

himself and his family, fearing clashes or capture by the government.

Retaking Aleppo, which has been divided between rebel- and government-controlled zones since 2012, would be President Bashar Assad's biggest victory

in the country's civil war. But it does not end the conflict: Significant parts of Syria are still outside government control and huge swaths of the country are a devastated waste-land.

Ban urged all parties on the ground "to protect civilians and

abide by international humanitarian and human rights law."

On Sunday, Daesh re-occupied the ancient town of Palmyra, taking advantage of the Syrian army and its Russian backers' preoccupation with the fighting in Aleppo.

Daesh's recapture of Palmyra nine months after it was retaken by Syrian government and Russian troops led to mutual recriminations between Western officials and Moscow.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault accused Russia

+ NEW CHIEF

Former Portuguese PM Antonio Guterres was sworn in Monday as secretary-general of the United Nations. He takes over from Ban Ki-moon Jan. 1.

of "pretending to fight terrorism" while it concentrated on Aleppo, leaving room for the militants to retake Palmyra. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov lashed back, accusing the U.S.-led coalition of orchestrating the Palmyra takeover "in order to give a respite to the bandits sitting in eastern Aleppo."

In Aleppo, staff members of the last remaining clinic in rebel-held territory huddled in a shelter as Syrian government forces pushed in. "Those killed and wounded are left on the streets," said the clinic's administrator, Mohammed Abu Rajab.

"The collapse is terrifying," said Bassam Haj Mustafa, a rebel spokesman in contact with fighters in the city. METRO WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TURKEY

Hundreds arrested after bombings

Turkish authorities arrested more than 200 people Monday following suicide bombings near an Istanbul stadium that killed 44 people. The arrests primarily targeted members of a Kurdish political party that already was a focus of a crackdown.

Saturday's attack, which a radical Kurdish group claimed as an act of revenge for state violence against the ethnic minority in the southeast, was the deadliest



It is a very dangerous trend in the country.

Cenk Sidar

to hit Istanbul this year.

Authorities blamed the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, an offshoot of the which claimed

responsibility for the attack on a website blocked in Turkey.

"This is definitely a repercussion of the current crackdown on the Kurdish people," said Cenk Sidar, president of Sidar Global Advisors, a risk advisory group in Washington. "It seems likely (PKK) will go ahead with these high-casualty, low-cost attacks for them, and it is a very dangerous trend in the country."

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GLOBAL DIGEST

TENNESSEE

Terminally ill 5-year-old boy dies in Santa's arms

A Tennessee Santa Claus says a terminally ill 5-year-old boy died in his arms after he gave the child a present in the hospital.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel reports Eric Schmitt-Matzen, who does about 80 events a year as Santa, was asked a few weeks ago to visit the dying boy.

Schmitt-Matzen says he gave the child a toy. He says the boy gave him a big hug, asked "Santa, can you help me?" and died in his arms.

Schmitt-Matzen says it took him days to recover, but he's continuing to play Santa.

The News-Sentinel report didn't include details on the boy or the hospital. Schmitt-Matzen didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

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VENEZUELA

Government seizes 4 million toys to give to poor children

Venezuela's socialist government has seized nearly 4 million toys from a private company and says it will hand them out as Christmas gifts to poor children this holiday season.

The country's fair pricing authority seized the toys Friday from three

warehouses run by Kreisel, Venezuela's largest toy distributor. Two company executives were detained on suspicion of promoting price speculation.

Agency director William Contreras alleged that Kreisel under-reported its inventory in order to sell some toys at higher prices. Kreisel has not commented officially beyond responding to Twitter messages of support.

Authorities said local supply committees will be in charge of distributing the toys "fairly" to children.

Venezuela has been wracked by a deep economic crisis accompanied by shortages of goods ranging from food staples to medicine.

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Trump cuts threaten Canada

ECONOMY

Feds optimistic they can still attract talent, investments

The federal economic development minister says he likes Canada's chances in the global battle to attract top talent and investment even as a potential threat lurks in the distance: Donald Trump's promise to significantly slash taxes.

Experts warn that any future corporate and personal tax reductions in the United States that are even close to the levels promised by the president-elect would put Canada at a considerable disadvantage.

When asked about Trump's promises to cut taxes, Navdeep Bains listed selling points he said would keep Canada competitive, including its inclusive society and solid education system.

"If you look at individuals that come to Canada, for example, they obviously are seeking economic opportunity, but quality of life is another key



Donald Trump's promise to significantly slash corporate and personal income-tax rates could create a competitive challenge for Canada.

AP/GETTY IMAGES

component and I think when it comes to that equation we have a very compelling proposition," Bains said in a recent interview.

Taxes matter when it comes to corporations, Bains acknowledged. But business leaders say Canada distinguishes itself globally, he argued, citing di-

versity, immigration policies and university investments focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Trump has vowed to drop the tax rate for top-income earners by six per cent and by three per cent for middle-income earners.

Trump also promised to

bring the U.S. corporate rate, one of the highest in the world, down to 15 per cent from 39 per cent. Trump's target is even lower than the House Republicans' proposed rate of 20 per cent.

Such a cut would make the U.S. corporate rate far lower than the average effective rate

in Canada, where it's about 26 per cent when federal and provincial rates are combined.

While Trump is likely still a long way from cutting taxes, tax-policy expert Jack Mintz says all signs point in the direction of "major" reductions in the U.S. corporate rate.

On personal taxes, Mintz said Trump's vow would see earners in the highest U.S. bracket — families taking home more than \$400,000 US — paying about 40 per cent of their income in combined federal and state taxes.

In Canada, he said top earners — those making more than \$200,000 — now face a combined rate of about 53 per cent, which is among the highest in the industrialized world.

The Liberals have created a new bracket that raised taxes on the highest earners.

"We don't look particularly competitive in attracting talent when you have both a low dollar and, now, a really high marginal tax rate cutting in at a relatively low income level," said Mintz of the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy.

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INTERNET

Google to put server in Cuba

Google and the Cuban government signed a deal Monday allowing the internet giant to provide faster access to its data by installing servers on the island that will store much of the company's most popular content.

Storing Google data in Cuba eliminates the long distances that signals must travel from the island through Venezuela to the nearest Google server. More than a half century after cutting virtually all economic ties with Cuba, the U.S. has no direct data link to the island.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON TRUDEAU'S YEAR-END PRESSER



It can't have come as a surprise to the prime minister that while he was asked what he regretted about his first full year in office, he was not queried about what he believes were his successes.

Justin Trudeau would not be human if he had not wished the year-end news conference he gave on Monday on Parliament Hill to provide him — in the spirit of the upcoming holiday season — with an opportunity to celebrate the many missions he believes his government accomplished in 2016.

But he would not be where he is today if he still believed in Santa Claus. And so it can't have come as a surprise to the prime minister that while he was asked what, if anything, he regretted most about his first full year in office, he was not similarly queried about what he believes was his greatest success.

For the record, Trudeau said the execution in the Philippines of two Canadians held hostage for ransom by Islamic extremists had made for his darkest hours as prime minister. A less introvert Stephen Harper would have answered along the same lines. The responsibility to make life-and-death decisions is one that no prime minister takes lightly.

On the plus side, Trudeau might have liked to bask a little longer in the afterglow of the climate pact ratified Friday by 11 of Canada's 13 provincial and territorial governments. After all, when Canada signed the Paris climate accord a year ago,

The Liberals have seemed both blindsided by and blind to the perception that the PM is being elastic in his interpretation of his own ethical rules.

many commentators doubted the capacity of the rookie government to do the heavy lifting required to translate talk into concerted federal-provincial action.

matter before the holidays. The relative radio silence that has attended the aftermath of the first ministers' dinner suggests a compromise designed to allow every-



IN A REFLECTIVE MOOD Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks at his year-in-review press conference at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa on Monday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But it is the nature of politics that one crisis chases another and so three items of unfinished but time-sensitive business took precedence:

1) More so than climate change, health-care funding has been an apple of discord between Trudeau and the premiers. It was initially Harper who decreed that as of next year the annual increase of the federal health transfer would fall to 3 per cent from 6 per cent. Ever since Trudeau made that Conservative decision his own, the provinces have been crying foul.

The issue was the main topic of the dinner Trudeau hosted for the premiers Friday night. On Monday, the prime minister said he expected a resolution of the

one to save face is in the works.

2) On electoral reform and Trudeau's promise of a new voting system in time for the 2019 election, the Liberals have ended up tangled in a web of their own weaving. Monday, the prime minister professed excitement about the ongoing government's online consultation — the one that almost everyone else has talked about for the wrong reasons. The exercise's main claim to fame is to have inspired parodies in both official languages.

Over the past six months, much of the intellectual energy of the top levels of the government has been focused on the dual issues of pipelines and climate change — at some cost to lesser files. If there is a point to

Trudeau's latest contribution to this comedy of errors, it may be to buy the Liberals time so as to regroup and figure out where to go from the current electoral reform quagmire between now and when the House resumes in late January.

3) Political financing, finally, was never meant to be on the Liberal radar and its appearance has not been good news for the government. It has seemed both blindsided by and blind to the widespread public perception that the prime minister is being elastic in his interpretation of his own ethical rules when he allows his party to trade access to himself and his cabinet for donations.

Based on Trudeau's news conference, that blindness starts at the very top. On Monday, the prime minister said donors did use the access their money bought to lobby him but that it had no impact on his decisions. He compared chatting with donors at exclusive private events to the hosts of closed-door meetings he holds with municipal politicians and/or community organizations.

Trudeau sees a parallel between the discussions he has with representatives of other levels of governments, such as the premiers he spent the day with on Friday and well-heeled contributors to his party's coffers. At this rate, he will soon be reassuring his provincial counterparts that he does not hold it against them that they get to spend quality time with him free of charge. After all, time is money in Liberal land.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer.

A modestly satirical proposal for the future of Citadel Hill

HALIFAX MATTERS

Tristan Cleveland



Considering how little we use Citadel Hill, maybe we should consider building condos on it.

Bulldozing the fortress would open up 30 new downtown blocks for development, which would mean millions in new tax revenue. The park is nearly always empty, in any case, so it's only frugal to spend the revenue on a park elsewhere that people will use. Right?

Before you knock down my door with pitchforks and torches, let me express recognition that people certainly do value Citadel Hill. But here's the good news: since no one goes in person, we can provide the same value by putting up billboards showing pictures of the fortress. It's a no-brainer: same visual benefit, less space occupied.

Think that's crazy? The only thing crazier is that we don't measure the success of public spaces in Halifax in terms of whether people go to them. Physically, our parks cannot benefit anyone who is not there.

OK, clearly the solution is not to actually bulldoze the fortress. But it's not good enough to mow the grass. That park occupies some of our most valuable land; let's make a public space worth the ground it's on.

The thing is, unused grass isn't just a waste, it's

a problem. All around the Hill, the streets are so empty they feel dangerous at night. Yet just a block away in multiple directions — on Spring Garden, Argyle and Gottingen — streets are full of activity. Imagine how much more successful these streets would be if there weren't a 49-acre interruption between them?

Here's just a few ideas I've heard to make it a part of city life: community gardens, an orchard, vineyards, slides, coffee stands, campfires, a big public veranda for watching sunsets, a winter carnival, and toboggan races. With that much land, in that location, there's a lot we could do.

On top of Citadel Hill, the views are breathtaking. We need events, vendors — something — to make that view part of the daily routine. If we could work with Parks Canada to give residents free access to the fortress, just imagine the kinds of activities we could hold in that space.

We should preserve heritage, but there is nothing historical about the Kentucky bluegrass on a hill in Nova Scotia, nor about a fortress being used only by tourists. Those slopes once featured soldiers' gardens, goats eating long native grasses, and crisscrossing trails. It featured life. The anachronism is the monotony, and it's time we end it.

There will be no lack of ideas if we can agree on one thing: the best use of public space is not "nothing."

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Far too many people in television provide a safe space for politicians instead of pushing back and saying 'you didn't answer this question.' CNN's Jake Tapper is making it his signature to show pit bull-like tendencies when an interview subject avoids a question.

Neuroscience explains why we fall

Elderly are at risk when their brains work especially hard during ordinary tasks, new research finds

Subtle changes in older people's brain activity may increase the risk of falls by as much as 32 per cent, according to a new medical research paper. ISTOCK

Genna Buck
Metro Canada



Vivian Kong knows first-hand how an elderly person's world can shrink after a serious fall.

Her grandfather has been using a cane since he slipped in a parking lot several years back, but it was his latest fall, about two years ago, that really affected his independence.

"He now lives in assisted living — he had his own apartment for years — doesn't use transit anymore, and because doctors don't know why his most recent fall happened, he now owns a scooter and uses a cane," says Kong, 26, of Toronto.

Falls affect one in three Canadians over 65 every year, account for more seniors' hos-

pitalizations than any other injury, and cost about \$2 billion annually, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

A new study has shed some light on why so many of those falls, like Kong's grandfather's, go unexplained.

Subtle changes in older people's brain activity — impossible to measure directly without expensive imaging equipment — may increase the risk of falls by as much as 32 per cent, according to a new paper in the journal *Neurology*.

And the changes begin years before doctors and family members can spot any outward signs of trouble.

The 166 seniors (average age 75) in the study had no disabilities, dementia or gait problems. They were hooked up to a machine that monitored

activity of the prefrontal cortex; the decision-making part of the brain.

Then they were asked to do tasks such as walking and reciting every other letter of the alphabet at the same time.

The people whose brains were working especially hard during that particular task, possibly to compensate for mild cognitive decline, were much more likely to suffer a fall over the next four years. The result remained even after researchers controlled for other risk factors.

These findings are important because care providers could be missing some people who are at risk, said Matt Aymar, knowledge translation coordinator at the injury-prevention organization Parachute.

"My initial reaction was



“Because doctors don't know why his most recent fall happened, he now owns a scooter and uses a cane.”

Vivian Kong, 26, whose grandfather now lives in assisted living after a bad fall

wow," Aymar said. "Here is a warning sign, and it's coming a little earlier down the road."

Someone who can pass a typical screening test with ease — get out of a chair, walk three meters, turn around and walk back with a normal gait — might be "using more brain than their friends" to do it, Aymar said.

More research is needed to learn the underlying causes of

falls, so new interventions can be designed, he added. "We could really benefit from more prevention. It will save society a lot of money and give older adults vitality they deserve as much as anybody else."

A fall, especially accompanied by a broken hip, is often the "slippery slope" to a steep decline, Aymar said.

According to Hamilton, Ont. occupational therapist Kayla

McDowell, "Sometimes something as simple as a fall in the bathroom can really devastate someone's world."

"Adult children who work full-time and have families are often relied upon to pick up pieces like meal prep, laundry, and, depending on the severity of the injury from the fall, even things like toileting. This puts a lot of pressure on families and individuals," she said.

Kong's family has been relatively lucky in that regard.

"(My grandfather's) English isn't very good, so there are limited (medical) resources, but he's still pretty independent. He goes out with seniors' groups, and finds Chinese-speaking taxi drivers to take him places. He just moves a lot more slowly and my parents fuss over him a lot more."



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Producers spoiling our magic moment? Spray it ain't so

THE SHOW: *Hairspray Live!* (NBC/City)

THE MOMENT: "I Know Where I've Been"

In 1962 Baltimore, teenagers love the American Bandstand-like *Corny Collins Show*, but only white kids can appear on it. Tracy Turnblad (Maddie Baillio) wants to integrate it, but some kids at Motormouth Maybelle's (Jennifer Hudson) record shop question her intentions.

"Tracy, was it about being

famous?" Maybelle asks. "Was it about the boy? The dancing?"

"It was about dancing together," Tracy says. "I think it's wrong when we can't."

"Children. My children," Maybelle says. "What do we do when something is wrong? We fix it."

She launches into an impassioned anthem about the fight for equality: "There's a road we've been traveling/Lost so many on the way...There's a dream in the future/There's a struggle yet to win...But I

know where I'm going/And I know where I've been."

This is the emotional high point of the musical, and it's a good one. In Hudson's *American Idol* days, she was a screamer, but she has more control now, and she can really belt. Hearing her sing live gave the number an extra urgency.

But as the lump was rising in my throat, the production cut away: to the crowd watching; to the inane commentary of the host; to the actors scurrying to their next set.

Live TV is a hoot, and these musicals have quickly become a welcome holiday tradition. But the behind-the-scenes hijinks are too disruptive. I wish the producers would cut together a cute "Here's how they did it" featurette to run after the curtain calls, instead of ruining the magic they've just made.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Jennifer Hudson as motormouth Maybelle. JUSTIN LUBIN/NBC

We're a nation of rich Eleanor Rigbys

ADVICE

Wave of online dating scams cost Canadians \$17M in 2015

Sofi Papamarko
For Torstar News Service

This can be a lonely time of year for a lot of people, especially singles. But no matter how badly you want to partner up, for those who use online dating sites to forge connections with potential mates, it's important to give your head more credence than your heart.

In other words: if the person you're communicating with online seems too good to be true, they probably are. In 2015, Canadians were bilked out of close to \$17 million by online dating scammers. And those are just the reported scams.

Scammers attempt to earn the love and trust of their online targets before asking them to send money for seemingly legitimate reasons — a plane ticket or a family emergency, for example.

According to Borke Obada-Obieh, a graduate student in computer science at Carleton University studying security precautions taken by online daters, Canada is ranked the 7th country most susceptible to online dating scams.

"Desire to find an emotional connection with someone could make (dating site users) easily vulnerable to scamming," she says. We're a nation of Eleanor Rigbys with money. This makes us sitting ducks to scammers.

According to Obada-Obieh's findings, scammers reach out to people of all ages, but their targets seem to skew female.

Wende Wood, 47, has been approached by would-be online dating scammers at least five times. The Calgary-based woman lived in Toronto for 17 years. It was here where she was targeted by a man who claimed to be "Larry," a Romanian-Canadian from Toronto who strung her along for nearly four months.

"His first messages were very long and flowery and full of compliments," Wood says. "He was allegedly in the U.K. to settle his late father's estate and complained about not having enough money for a lawyer. He had been



Online dating scammers are everywhere — you're not any safer on subscription sites. ISTOCK

telling me that he loved me and that he couldn't wait to start our life together, even though we had never met. I told him to slow down, cowboy."

"Larry" and Wende spoke over Skype, although he refused a video call. He later asked Wood for \$10,000 to settle the will.

"After I balked, he lowered it

to \$5,000 and then \$3,000. We argued and I finally sent him a really nasty message and said goodbye and that I hoped that he/they were not successful in conning any other women."

If you're worried about falling victim, here are some things to keep in mind while getting to know people over the Internet:

■ If anyone pledges their love to you before so much as meeting you in person... that's a huge red flag. Harlequin-novel-level declarations before having met is extremely suspect.

■ Online dating scammers are everywhere — you're not any safer if you use paid subscription

sites such as eHarmony or Match.

■ Take note of faster conversation speed, as this is a common trend among scammers. They're always online and answer messages very quickly.

■ Never offer personal information such as your credit card number, bank account number, home address, SIN or anything else you wouldn't casually leave lying around to anyone online.

■ Be cautious of profiles with photos of people who look like models or actors. Do a Google Reverse Image search to see where else these photos have potentially landed on the Internet. Never, ever send money to anyone you don't know. For any reason.

■ Listen to your gut. When in doubt, have a trusted friend or relative read your online correspondence to see if they can sense if anything is amiss. If you're emotionally invested, your judgment may be off.

Sofi Papamarko is a writer and matchmaker who lives in Toronto. Reach her at facebook.com/sofipapamarko.

Ziggy

Domestic Medium Hair

Ziggy is among the cats who end up in the shelter with a mysterious past. He's found his way to the Dartmouth SPCA from another shelter in the province and hoping his next move is to his forever home. He is about 5 years old, a young adult with a calm personality, and he's trusting and relaxed when interacting with visitors. He may not like other cats, so Ziggy may do best as the only cat in his new forever home. Ziggy is finding shelter life stressful, and as a result he has been doing some excessive grooming which means he has some patches of thin fur. Ziggy is ready to head off to a forever home where he can relax, be pampered and loved the way he (and all the cats) deserve.



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La La Land struts into awards season

NOMINATIONS

Musical leads way with seven Golden Globe nominations

Damien Chazelle's Los Angeles musical *La La Land* sang and danced its way to a leading seven Golden Globes nominations, with Barry Jenkins' celebrated coming-of-age tale *Moonlight* close on its heels with six nods.

La La Land earned nominations for its lead actors, Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling, as well as best picture, comedy or musical. The film also scored nominations for directing, screenplay, score and original song in the nominations announced Monday in Los Angeles by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

Moonlight led the field in the dramatic categories, including best picture. It earned nods for Jenkins' directing and script, supporting actor favour-



Emma Stone has already won a raft of film awards for her leading role in Los Angeles musical *La La Land*. CONTRIBUTED

ite Mahershala Ali and supporting actress Naomie Harris.

The other nominees for best picture, drama, were *Manchester by the Sea*, *Lion*, *Hell or*

High Water and Mel Gibson's *Hacksaw Ridge*.

The film nominations also verified that this year's awards season isn't nearly so white

as last year's. Along with *Moonlight*, nominations were heaped on Denzel Washington's August Wilson adaptation *Fences* (including acting nods for Washington and Viola Davis) and the interracial marriage drama *Loving* (leads Ruth Negga and Joel Edgerton were each nominated).

Ryan Reynolds joined fellow Canadian Gosling in the actor, musical or comedy category for his leading role in R-rated Marvel hit *Deadpool*.

In a sign of Hollywood's increasing dichotomy between mega blockbusters and smaller independent films, the lead nominee getters were overwhelmingly independent. Lionsgate led the way with 10 nods thanks largely to *La La Land*.

The indie outfit A24, producer of *Moonlight*, followed with nine. Amazon Studios, which is distributing *Manchester by the Sea*, outranked giants like the Walt Disney Co. (three) and Warner Bros. (just one).

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Ryan Reynolds dedicated his award in the memory of Grace Bowen, centre, with her sister MacKenzie. SUBMITTED

CRITICS' CHOICE

Reynolds dedicates award to SickKids

Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds dedicated his award at the 22nd annual Critics' Choice Awards to the Toronto's SickKids Foundation and Make-a-Wish foundation.

"I gotta start by thanking the entire *Deadpool* team, without whom I would not be standing up here," said Vancouver-born Reynolds in his thank-you speech for the Entertainment Weekly Entertainer of the Year award.

"*Deadpool* was an 11-year-odyssey for me to get up here and it resonated with a lot of

people. The character had cancer and some of the people that this character resonated with were sick kids. So I would like to dedicate this honour to Make-a-Wish foundation and the Sick-Kids Foundation of Toronto, two incredible organizations that do so much for so many kids in need."

Reynolds also dedicated his award in memory of two children, Connor McGrath and Grace Bowen. "They didn't lose the battle, but they started a fight, and it's up to us to finish it. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, shown with his daughter Zhurie, is backing an HBO doc on Muhammad Ali. AP FILE PHOTO

LeBron James backs Ali doc

TELEVISION

Basketball star exec produces multi-part film on boxing icon

King James is set to tell the story of The Greatest.

Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James will be the execu-

tive producer of an HBO documentary on Muhammad Ali, who died earlier this year. The as-yet-untitled film will be directed by Antoine Fuqua, who also helmed the boxing drama Southpaw and Training Day. Fuqua will also produce.

James has been a longtime admirer of Ali, the boxing great and social activist. James recently pledged a \$2.5 donation to a new exhibit on Ali at

the Smithsonian Institution.

"He transcended sports and used his platform to empower people, which paved the way for all athletes and people of every race and gender that came after him, myself included," he said. James' SpringHill Entertainment, which he co-founded with business partner and close friend Maverick Carter, will produce the multipart film. HBO says the

documentary will "explore Ali's greatest triumphs and comebacks, painting an intimate portrait of a man who, against all odds, dreamed and achieved the impossible, over and over again."

HBO said it will combine archival footage with cinematic recreations to tell Ali's story.

Ali died June 3 at the age of 74.

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12 days of giving

What would you do with an extra \$150 in your pocket at this time of year? Buy a well-deserved gift for yourself? Treat the kids to a day of snowboarding? Thanks to RBC, youth across the country are happily giving that \$150 away.

Inspired by the ideas select young Canadians came up with for RBC's #Make150Count campaign, RBC has created the 12 Days of Giving. #Make150Count — a nod to Canada's big birthday next year — offers youth between ages 16 and 25 \$150 to make a difference in their communities.

Since the campaign launched in October, young Canadians have come up with hundreds of inspirational ideas and acted upon them, says Mary DePaoli, RBC's chief brand and communications officer. She mentions one young girl, Melissa, a patient at SickKids, who used her \$150 to buy games and books for the waiting room in the oncology department. Melissa's dad matched the \$150 so she could buy additional Tim Hortons gift cards for parents of newly

diagnosed cancer patients.

Another participant, Harleen, handed out flowers and kind notes to strangers around her University of Victoria campus. Janine from Edmonton filled up five large shoe boxes with toys, books and personal care items to be sent to kids in underprivileged parts of the world. Torontonians Jai used the money to make gift bags for the homeless, filled with scarves, hats, mitts and socks with a handwritten note wishing them happy holidays. And Ryan from Halifax treated three teens from the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre to a day of surfing lessons, building confidence and friendships.

Beginning today and throughout the next 12 Days of Giving, RBC will be using Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to share some of these inspirational stories from the #Make150Count recipients. Search #Make150Count to see a new one each day.

RBC hopes these ideas will encourage others to give, share and provide comfort this holiday season. "This campaign taps into the goodness within all of us and proves that when we invest in youth, great things can happen," says DePaoli.

Tell us how you will #Make150Count and give back over the holidays, and stay tuned for a special celebration of the projects and people on Canada Day.

In the meantime, RBC is thrilled to see young Canadians doing so much to help their communities prosper, as well as inspiring young and old during the holidays.

How to get started

To kick off the 12 Days of Giving, here are a few suggestions to get started:

- Perform a random act of kindness
- Help the homeless
- Give the gift of adventure
- Donate to a charity
- Collect essential items for a food bank
- Organize a community gathering or activity
- Pay it forward
- Spend time with a senior
- Volunteer at a local animal shelter
- Recognize someone in your community
- Act locally, live globally
- Lend a helping hand



Ryan in Halifax shows his participation in the #Make150Count campaign. CONTRIBUTED

When we invest in youth great things happen.

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IN BRIEF

Ronaldo named best soccer player in the world

Cristiano Ronaldo was voted the best player in the world for a fourth time Monday, taking home the Ballon d'Or award in a year in which he led Portugal to its first European Championship title and Real Madrid to another Champions League trophy. It is Ronaldo's third Ballon d'Or award. He won the FIFA player of the year award in 2008.

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Screaming Eagles to trade star to Aramada: Report

Cape Breton Screaming Eagles star forward Pierre-Luc Dubois is on the move, according to a report.

Dubois will be traded to the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada once the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's holiday trade window opens on Sunday, according to Mikael Lalancette of TVA Sports. Lalancette said the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies were also interested in adding Dubois. CAPE BRETON POST

Supreme Court secures NFL's \$1B concussion pact

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected challenges to the estimated \$1-billion plan by the NFL to settle thousands of concussion lawsuits filed by former players, clearing the way for payouts to begin to those who have been diagnosed with brain injuries linked to repeated concussions.

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Metropolitan Division teams having their way

NHL

Clubs in the Eastern branch are 28-7-3 since Dec. 3

Justin Williams knows from missing the playoffs twice with defending Stanley Cup champions just how difficult it is to make it to the post-season, which is why the Metropolitan Division standings have his full attention.

"I see our division, I see everyone winning," the Washington Capitals right-winger said. "The top eight in the East is going to be tough to get in this year. We plan to be at the top."

Even for the Capitals, who ran away with the division, the top seed in the Eastern Conference and the Presidents' Trophy last season, that's easier said than done. They're on pace for 112 points, which would leave them in third place because the Metropolitan is home to five of the top eight teams in the NHL.

Since Dec. 3, Metropolitan teams are an astounding 28-7-3, led by the Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins, New York Rangers, red-hot Philadelphia Flyers, Columbus Blue Jackets and streaking Capitals. The Flyers have won a league-best nine in a row, the Blue Jackets six and the Penguins five, so the



Jakub Voracek and the Philadelphia Flyers have given their fans a reason to cheer having won their last nine games. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capitals' four-game winning streak doesn't have them moving up the standings.

"Win them all if you can," coach Barry Trotz said. "You have a bad day, you could fall like three or four spots. You could go from being a wild-card team to not being in the playoffs to being second in your

division if you win."

The competition is so hot that the New York Islanders are still in last place despite winning six of their last 10 and the New Jersey Devils and Carolina Hurricanes are five and seven points out of the last playoff spot in the East. At the top of the division, the Penguins, Rangers, Flyers,

Blue Jackets and Capitals have combined to win their last 27 games.

"Everyone's playing at a high level," Rangers centre Derek Stepan said. "There's no room. We're in our playoff push."

No team has pushed toward the playoffs harder than the Flyers, who were 13th in the East before their run began Nov. 27. Philadelphia has risen to fifth in the East behind 15 points from Jakub Voracek, a .930 save percentage from goaltender Steve Mason and a strong power play



You could go from being a wild-card team to not being in the playoffs to being second in your division if you win. Capitals coach Barry Trotz

+ SID ON A TEAR

■ Since Jan. 1, Crosby has a league-best 89 points in only 66 games (1.35 per game), bettering the next closest player (Patrick Kane) by 11 points despite playing in seven fewer games.

■ Crosby's also No. 1 with 47 goals in that span, including a league-leading 20 in 22 games this season, heading into Monday's play.

and penalty kill.

Coach Dave Hakstol said the Flyers are finding different ways to win games, as evidenced by them beating the Edmonton Oilers 6-5 and then a few days later the Detroit Red Wings 1-0 in overtime.

"I think we're playing better defensively as a team," said Voracek, who has 32 points and trails only Edmonton's Connor McDavid in the NHL scoring race. "When we're making mistakes, Mason is playing unreal ... I think as an overall game we got better not only over the winning streak but in the games before. We lost the games when we should've won earlier in the year and now we're winning them. It's a good sign."

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Cook time: 25 minutes
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- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 chicken thighs
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 cups red seedless grapes
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp dried thyme

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a large, oven-safe skillet, warm up olive oil over medium high heat. Brown — but don't worry about cooking through — the chicken thighs, about 3 minutes each side. Remove the chicken from the skillet and place on a clean plate.
3. Reduce the heat under the skillet to medium and toss in the shallots and garlic. Cook about 3 minutes until they soften. Add grapes, stock, vinegar, sugar and thyme and stir. Allow the sauce to begin to simmer.
4. Nestle the chicken pieces into the sauce and place the skillet in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes. Serve over cous cous, mashed potatoes or polenta.

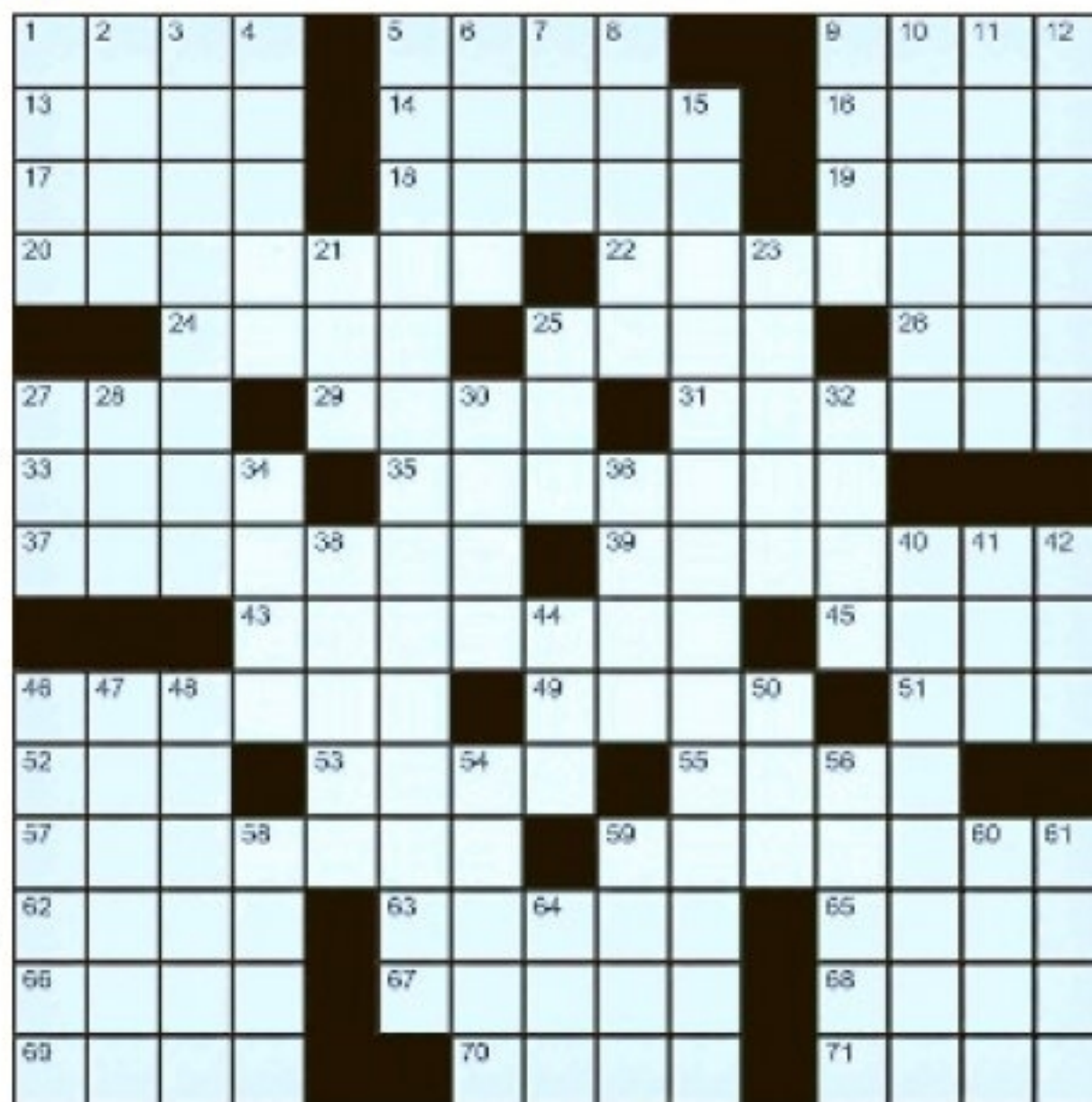
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ACROSS

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5. Lip _
9. Prescriptions, commonly
13. Faux pas
14. Tragically Hip's " _ by a Century"
16. Handling the matter: 2 wds.
17. Boot
18. Herman's Hermits singer Peter
19. Jason's craft
20. Marxist revolutionary (b.1879 - d.1940) exiled by Stalin
22. Audience's highest showing of appreciation
24. Shark variety
25. Crossword component
26. Prompt in acting
27. Criticize
29. Questionable
31. _! Camera! Action!
33. Nero's 8
35. Reacts to the sniffing salts: 2 wds.
37. Loud noisiness, States-style
39. Most extensive
43. Is in need of repair
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46. Relay knowledge
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63. Ms. Hall of ABC daytime show "The Chew"
65. _ Mountains (Range in Russia)
66. Spelled-out grades
67. "The Un-

- touchables" role, _ Ness
68. Early helicopter
69. Increases
70. Superior at a French monastery
71. Door fastener

DOWN

1. Prude
2. Really rain
3. Getting a good night's sleep inability
4. Terra's pot tailer
5. CIBC = Canadian Imperial _ _ _
6. Holler at the harbour!
7. Roaring sign
8. Lord's house
9. Castle defence
10. Fortify the food
11. Do this after a big Winter storm: 2 wds.
12. Rocks
15. 1997 Keanu Reeves

- thriller co-starring Al Pacino: 2 wds.
21. Schuss
23. Mine entrances
25. Exerciser's club
27. Piping stuff, commonly
28. Feel awful
30. _ _ song (Cheaply)
32. Attend: 2 wds.
34. _ -European (Language family)
36. Flush
38. Screen legend Greta
40. Super joyfulness
41. After-R trio
42. Sugar amt.
44. Comprehend
46. Home of Odysseus
47. Used a hammer
48. Was a mother hen
50. Cry of impatience!
54. Spiral-horned antelope
56. Sturdy
58. Chuck
59. Neatnik opposite
60. Metallica drummer Mr. Ulrich
61. Swill
64. Chest bone

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your daily routine will change today. Expect to meet new faces and see new places. Avoid arguments with others, which might occur because of today's Full Moon.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Disputes about money and possessions are likely because of the full moon. Keep an eye on your possessions and finances. Be careful not to lose something.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today, the only full moon in your sign all year is happening. This can create stress with partners and close friends. It's a jumpy, unpredictable day!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You feel restless today because of the full moon. (The moon is your ruler.) Stay calm and carry on.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Conflict with friends might occur today because of the full moon's energy. But they also might occur because someone throws you a curveball or does something you don't expect.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a tough full moon for you. You feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your job and your career. (You can't ignore home and family.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day. Obviously, an accident doesn't need to happen, but it does mean you have to be more aware and mindful. Keep your eyes open.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Financial disputes and money problems might occur because of the full moon today. This might include arguments about cash or something that you own. Be patient.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today, the only full moon all year that is opposite your sign is taking place. This might introduce tension and conflict with partners and close friends. Have patience.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be patient with co-workers today, because everyone can feel the Full Moon's energy. This tends to make people feel excitable and inclined to overreact.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be patient with kids today, and likewise, be patient with your friends or members of groups. People are inclined to be touchy today and even tomorrow because of the full moon.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a poor day to try to keep everyone happy, especially bosses, parents, VIPs, your family and your job. It's all too much! Just do what you can.

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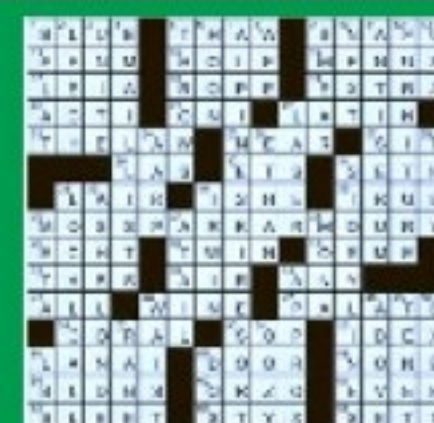
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